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Dear [redacted]:

I have had a talk with Sherman since his return, and I am of course delighted to hear of your interest in the work of my Board of National Estimates. One of my primary concerns has been to keep this Board staffed with men who represent a diversity of interests and talents. I have recognized the great desirability of always having one Board member, at least, with a rich and practical business experience. I felt fortunate, for example, in having the services of [redacted] whom you may know. It seemed to me that the kind of practical business economics and general knowledge of the world which he contributed to national intelligence estimates was a most valuable ingredient in the finished product. I know that you would be able to make this same kind of contribution, and more.

I realize the breadth and depth of your private concerns and your many public interests and that disengaging from them would present heavy problems. However, I do hope that you will bear in mind what great store I put by having you join the Board for a year (or as much time as you feel able), and that you give the matter of such service your most serious consideration as you plan your future course.

Sincerely,

*[Signature]*

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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